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**COMMUNICATION REGARDING THE
NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This communication addresses the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated February 26, 2008 (Paper No. 20080217) for which a response was due March 26, 2008.

A telephone interview was conducted with Examiner Duffy and Applicant's representative, Catherine Polizzi, on March 25, 2008. Applicants thank Examiner Duffy for the courtesy of an interview to clarify the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Upon further review, Examiner Duffy determined that the previously-filed response (December 5, 2007) was in compliance in view of newly presented claims 49 to 53 being identical to claims 49 to 53 of the response filed in August of 2007. Examiner Duffy confirmed that no corrective action was necessary and advised that this communication be submitted to the Patent Office.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the response filed on December 5, 2007.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 377882001800. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Dated: March 25, 2008

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